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Table 1

US Trade with the USSR and Eastern Europe, 1967-1970\*

Million US\$

	1967		1968		1969		1970	
	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import
Total	<u>195.3</u>	<u>177.4</u>	<u>215.0</u>	<u>198.5</u>	<u>249.2</u>	<u>195.5</u>	<u>353.3</u>	<u>225.8</u>
USSR	60.3	41.2	57.7	58.5	105.5	51.5	118.4	72.3
Other Eastern Europe	<u>135.0</u>	<u>136.2</u>	<u>157.3</u>	<u>140.0</u>	<u>143.7</u>	<u>144.0</u>	<u>234.9</u>	<u>153.5</u>
Albania	0.1	0.3	negl.	0.3	negl.	0.4	negl.	0.2
Bulgaria	4.2	2.8	4.0	3.7	4.6	1.6	15.3	2.4
Czechoslovakia	19.2	26.2	14.0	23.8	14.4	24.1	22.5	23.9
East Germany	26.3	5.6	29.0	5.9	32.4	8.0	32.5	9.4
Hungary	7.6	3.9	11.2	3.8	7.3	4.1	28.3	6.2
Poland	60.8	91.0	82.4	96.9	52.7	97.8	69.9	97.9
Romania	16.8	6.2	16.7	5.6	32.4	8.0	66.4	13.4

\* Derived from US Department of Commerce data. Components may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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Soviet Economic and Military  
Aid to North Vietnam

Soviet economic and military aid to North Vietnam has totaled an estimated \$3.3 billion since 1955 (see Table 2). Such aid has been closely coordinated with North Vietnamese requirements. The pace of the war has determined Hanoi's military needs. Its intensification in 1965 and US bombing of the North led to a sharp rise in Soviet military aid. From an annual average of some \$7 million during 1955-64, Soviet deliveries rose to \$210 million in 1965 and jumped to a peak of more than \$500 million in 1967. Much of this aid was concentrated on such sophisticated equipment as surface-to-air missiles, radar, and other air defense equipment to counter US airstrikes. Soviet deliveries of military aid dropped sharply after the bombing halt, falling to about \$70 million in 1970.

Soviet economic aid also spurted after 1964. During 1955-64, Soviet economic aid averaged \$36 million annually and was channeled largely into North Vietnam's development program. Economic aid jumped to \$85 million in 1965 and climbed to about \$360 million in 1970. In contrast to the earlier aid, Soviet economic aid after 1964 has served to offset shortfalls in North Vietnam's production of foodstuffs, to meet its requirements of such commodities as petroleum, fertilizer, and steel, and to aid in the reconstruction of bomb-damaged industrial facilities. Soviet trade statistics offer a partial indication of the growth of such aid because North Vietnam's trade deficits have been financed with credits extended by the USSR (see Table 3).

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Table 2

Estimated Soviet Aid to North Vietnam<sup>a/</sup>

(Million US \$)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Economic</u>	<u>Military</u>
Total	<u>3,275</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,625</u>
1955-64	435	365	70
1965	295	85	210
1966	510	150	360
1967	705	200	505
1968	530	240	290
1969	370	250	120
1970	430 <sup>b/</sup>	360 <sup>b/</sup>	70 <sup>b/</sup>

a. Estimated economic aid includes credits extended to finance North Vietnam's trade deficits and grants.

b. Preliminary

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Table 3

North Vietnam's Reported Trade with the USSR<sup>a/</sup>

	(Million US \$)		
	<u>NVN Imports</u>	<u>NVN Exports</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1955-64	265.6	179.3	-86.3
1965	74.9	30.6	-44.3
1966	68.2	25.3	-42.9
1967	148.0	20.9	-127.1
1968	159.2	17.9	-141.3
1969	189.3	16.9	-172.4
1970	200.0 <sup>b/</sup>	15.0 <sup>b/</sup>	-185.0 <sup>b/</sup>

a. Published USSR Trade Statistics.

b. Preliminary estimate.

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